

# Polyplexus User Agreement

## Welcome to Polyplexus

This agreement ("user agreement" or "agreement") between Polyplexus ("we", "our," "us") and you is a legal contract that sets the terms of your use of Polyplexus. You will have to acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to be bound by the terms of this agreement before you can use Polyplexus.

You are not guaranteed access to Polyplexus. For violations of this agreement or for any other reason we choose, we may, without advance notice and at any time, choose to: (1) suspend your access to Polyplexus, and/or (2) remove any of your User Content from Polyplexus. We reserve the right to monitor Polyplexus, and your use of the Polyplexus means you agree to such monitoring.

Polyplexus is not intended to be a marketplace for any goods or services. You may not use Polyplexus to break the law, violate an individual's privacy, or infringe any person or entity's intellectual property or any other proprietary rights. You agree that you have the right to submit anything you post, and that your user content does not violate the copyright, trademark, trade secret or any other personal or proprietary right of any other party. You may not use Polyplexus to conduct transactions for any illegal goods or services.

### Polyplexus Participation

To participate on Polyplexus, you must create an account that includes a username, password and email address ("Your Account"). You are solely responsible for the information associated with Your Account and anything that happens related to Your Account. You may not license, transfer, sell, or assign Your Account without our written approval.

By submitting Evidence and Conjecture Micropublications ( $\mu$ pubs) user content (the building blocks of Polyplexus) to Polyplexus, you grant the Polyplexus community a royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive, unrestricted, worldwide license to reproduce, prepare derivative works, distribute copies, perform, or publicly display your ' $\mu$ pubs' user content in any medium and for any purpose, including commercial purposes, and to authorize others to do so. All submitted content will be identified with the username provided.

Polyplexus will use best practices to make sure that the work of synthesizing a research proposal from the public  $\mu$ pubs is not made available to the public unless you choose to do so.

We take no responsibility for, we do not expressly or implicitly endorse, and we do not assume any liability for any user content submitted by you to Polyplexus.

Polyplexus is a place with many third-party hyperlinks posted by users like you. We are not responsible for the content or actions of any third party websites or services associated with posted links.

### Polyplexus Content Policy

These guidelines are intended to encourage personal responsibility for what you do on Polyplexus.

Be cool, act respectfully, behave professionally.

You agree not to introduce malicious code onto Polyplexus, make it difficult for anyone else to use Polyplexus due to your actions, attempt to manipulate votes or Polyplexus's systems, or assist anyone in misusing Polyplexus in any way.

You retain your rights to any evidence or conjecture publications (hereafter called content) you submit through Polyplexus. What's yours is yours — you own your Content.

By submitting, posting or displaying Content, you grant Polyplexus a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free license (with the right to sublicense) to use, copy, reproduce, process, adapt, modify, publish, transmit, display and distribute such Content in any and all media or distribution methods (now known or later developed). This license authorizes Polyplexus to make your Content available to the rest of the world and to let others do the same. You agree that this license includes the right for Polyplexus to provide, promote, and improve Polyplexus and to make Content submitted to or through the platform available to other companies, organizations or individuals with no compensation paid to you with respect to the Content that you submit, post, transmit or otherwise make available through the Platform.

You represent and warrant that you have all the rights, power and authority necessary to grant the rights granted herein to any Content that you submit.

Should you discover a security vulnerability, please report it to [security@Polyplexus.com](mailto:security@Polyplexus.com).

We will respond to legitimate requests under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act ("DMCA"), and we retain the right to remove user content on Polyplexus that we deem to be infringing the copyright of others. If you become aware of user content on Polyplexus that infringes your copyright rights, you may submit a properly formatted DMCA request (see 17 U.S.C. § 512) to Polyplexus.

## Privacy Policy

We want you to understand how and why Polyplexus collects and uses, information about you when you access and use Polyplexus or when you otherwise interact with us.

Polyplexus aims to is to reshape how DARPA develops its basic science funding by engaging researchers and research sponsors across disciplines in a structured, rigorous conversation about where science is and where it should go next. The project achieves this through a community of experts. Polyplexus will continuously evolve to promote the creation of community and become an effective research tool. To achieve this, the project continuously gathers and analyzes data. By creating an account, using the website or associated communication channels, you acknowledge that:

- a) Polyplexus will maintain a record of your activity. We may share aggregated or de-identified information, which cannot reasonably be used to identify you. We do this to make the platform better.
- b) By design, other people can see what you post in the public spaces.
- c) We may ask you questions about yourself. You do not have to answer them.
- d) If you are not playing nicely, we can remove your account.
- e) We may send you email about Polyplexus. You can ask us to not send you email.
- f) If you want us to stop gathering data from you, stop using Polyplexus.
- g) We will not share, sell, or give away any of our users' personal information to third parties.
- h) We may change these rules. You will have a chance of agreeing to the new rules.

## Additional Legalize

To the extent allowable under the applicable law:

- You agree to hold Polyplexus, its affiliates, officers, directors, employees, agents, and third party service providers harmless from and defend them against any claims, costs, damages, losses, expenses, and any other liabilities, including attorneys' fees and costs, arising out of or related to your access to or use of Polyplexus, your violation of this user agreement, and/or your violation of the rights of any third party or person.
- Polyplexus is provided "as is" and without warranty of any kind. To the maximum extent permitted by law, we disclaim any and all warranties, express or implied,

including (but not limited to) implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, and non-infringement of proprietary rights, or any other warranty, condition, guarantee or representation, whether oral or electronic. You are solely responsible for any damage to your computer or mobile device, loss of use, or loss of your user content. We do not guarantee that Polyplexus will always work properly.

- We will not be liable for any special, consequential, indirect, incidental, punitive, reliance, or exemplary damages, whether in tort, contract, or any other legal theory, arising out of or in any way connected with this agreement or your use of or attempt to use Polyplexus, including (but not limited to) damages for loss of profits, goodwill, use, or data. This limitation on liability shall not be affected even if we have been advised of the possibility of such damages. Some states do not allow for the exclusion of implied warranties or the limitation or exclusion of liability for incidental or consequential damages, so the above exclusions may not apply to you. You may have other rights that vary from state to state.
- You agree to release us, and all people and parties associated with us from claims, demands and damages (actual and consequential), of every kind and nature, known and unknown, disclosed or undisclosed, arising out of or in any way connected to your use of Polyplexus.

We want you to have fun and enjoy Polyplexus, so if you have an issue or dispute, you agree to raise it and try to resolve it with us informally. You can contact us with feedback and concerns here or by emailing us at [contact@Polyplexus.com](mailto:contact@Polyplexus.com).

Any claim or dispute between you and us arising out of or relating to this user agreement, in whole or in part, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Virginia without respect to its conflict of laws provisions. We agree and you agree to submit to the personal jurisdiction and venue of the state and federal court located in Alexandria, Virginia.

If any provision of this user agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, that provision will be modified to the extent necessary to render it enforceable without losing its intent. If no such modification is possible, that provision will be severed from the rest of this agreement.

If we do not enforce any right or provision in this user agreement, that is not to be deemed a waiver of our right to do so in the future.

This user agreement is the entire agreement between you and us concerning Polyplexus. It supersedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements between you and us. We may modify this user agreement at any time. If we make changes to this agreement that materially affect your rights, we will provide notice. By continuing to use Polyplexus after a change to this agreement, you agree to those changes.

